CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A method of answering an incoming call with a communication device having a
5   selectively connectable voice interface and a user interface, said method
comprising the steps of:

      (a) detecting said incoming call;

      (b) detecting a connection state of said selectively
            connectable voice interface;

10   (c) connecting to said incoming call in response to an
            interaction at said user interface, if said connection state
            is connected; and

      (d) if said connection state is disconnected, answering said
            incoming call in response to at least one of an interaction
15   at said user interface and a change in said connection
            state.

2. A method of initiating a call with a communication device having a selectively
connectable voice interface and a user interface, said method comprising the
20   steps of:

      (a) originating a request for said call in response to a user
            command;

      (b) detecting a connection state of said voice interface;

      (c) initiating said call in response to a command at said user
25   interface, if said connection state is connected; and

      (d) if said connection state is disconnected, alerting said user
            of said disconnected state.

3. The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of initiating said call in response to a change in said connection state from disconnected to connected.

4. The method of claim 2 wherein the step of originating a request for said call in
5   response to a user command comprises the steps of:

      (a) detecting said connection state of said voice interface;

      (b) displaying a dialing interface if said connection state is connected, and

      (c) if said connection state is disconnected, displaying said
10   dialing interface in response to user interaction with said user interface.

5. The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of initiating said call in response to a change in said connection state from disconnected to
15   connected.

6. A method of initiating a call with a communication device having a selectively connectable voice interface and a user interface, said method comprising the steps of:
20   (a) detecting a connection state of said voice interface;

      (b) displaying a dialing interface if said connection state is connected,

      (c) if said connection state is disconnected, displaying said dialing interface in response to user interaction with said
25   user interface.

      (d) originating a request for said call in response to a user command;

      (e) detecting a connection state of said voice interface;

      (f) initiating said call in response to a command at said user
30   interface, if said connection state is connected;

(g) if said connection state is disconnected, alerting said user of said disconnected state; and

(h) thereafter, initiating said call in response to a change in said connection from a disconnected state to a connected state.

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